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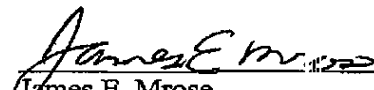
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Sir:

Attached to this facsimile communication cover sheet is a Letter to the Examiner, with the enclosures listed thereon, faxed this 15th day of December, 2003, to Group 1725, the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER TO EXAMINER

At the request of the Examiner, applicant encloses a preliminary amendment filed by applicant on July 22, 2003, and a postcard stamped by the Patent and Trademark Office indicating receipt thereof.

Applicant also encloses information disclosure statements and forms PTO-1449 filed April 8, 2002, April 22, 2002, May 17, 2002, August 30, 2002, and June 13, 2003. Applicant has not received the PTO-1449 forms with the Examiner's initials adjacent to the citations of the references listed thereon.

Applicant asks that the Examiner examine claims 88-107 added by the preliminary amendment filed July 22, 2003, and the references listed on the information disclosure statements and, if all of the claims are found to be allowable, issue a supplemental notice of allowability along with the initialed PTO-1449 forms.

Applicant wishes to inform the Examiner that a parent of the present application, application 09/441,201, now U.S. Patent No. 6,337,462, is in litigation, in which the answer to the complaint includes a general allegation that all of the claims are invalid or unenforceable pursuant to Title 35, including, but not limited to, Sections 101, 102, 103, and/or 112.

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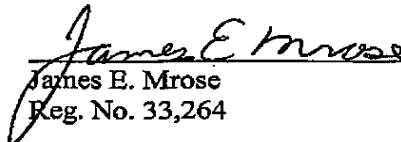
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